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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Meetings with AREADY-2 on 1 May and 2 May 1957

1. Telephone contact in New York was made by [ ] with AREADY-2 approximately 1015 hours on 1 May and arrangements were made to meet with him for lunch at 1200 hours. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the undersigned ( ) who will be meeting with AREADY-2 during [ ] absence from Washington during May-June 1957.

2. Contact with AREADY-2 was made in the lobby of his office, downtown Broadway, at 1200 hours on 1 May. The meeting was held during [ ] absence in the restaurant on the lower floor in the same building. [ ] introduced the undersigned to AREADY-2 and told him that he would be away for several weeks and that the undersigned would meet with AREADY-2 during his absence.

3. [ ] told AREADY-2 that he was expecting to be in Australia later this month and requested a letter of introduction to a Syderussian with whom he might meet there to discuss REDBOX and AREADY needs. AREADY-2 said he would write a letter on DHR stationery that evening and arrangements were made for the undersigned to meet with him the following morning to accept the letter.

4. The conversation with AREADY-2 centered around spotting for the Hot War Cadre and the package program. AREADY-2 said he had 3 Hot War type candidates to submit for consideration and offered to bring along the information for his meeting with the undersigned the following day.

5. AREADY-2 was asked whether he could come to Washington for about 5 days to talk to some of our people, to undergo a physical and other tests (full assessment and polygraph). He will be on vacation during the first 2 weeks of July at which time he plans to travel to the various Syderussian centers for spotting purposes. He said he could come to Washington for a week at that time. It was suggested to him that perhaps the second week would be preferable since the 1st of July weekend may find some of the Washington people out of town. He agreed to this and asked that he be notified of the definite date as soon as possible, so that he could make his vacation plans accordingly.

6. The meeting was terminated about 1345. A meeting was scheduled for the undersigned and AREADY-2 to meet in the lobby of his office building the following day between 1000 and 1200 hours.

7. At 1030 hours on 2 May, the undersigned telephoned AREADY-2 from a nearby drugstore and asked him to meet her in the lobby of his office building in 5 minutes. AREADY-2 arrived on time and suggested that the undersigned join him for a cup of coffee in the downstairs restaurant.

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8. AERADY-2 expressed his concern about the package program and stated that he was having difficulty in establishing appropriate addressors for the program. Although there are a good number of Byelorussians in the United States, Canada and South America corresponding with their families in Byelorussia, he felt they would be reluctant to have their names used in any way which might jeopardize their safety. AERADY-2 had thought of setting up several fictitious addressors; to wit, a Byelorussian who had died since his arrival in the United States. AERADY-2 has a friend who owns an apartment house in Brooklyn. None of the tenants are Byelorussians. AERADY-2 thinks that he can persuade his friend to put up an extra mailbox for a fictitious resident who could be used as an addressor for the package program.

AERADY-2 submitted the names of 2 addressees (attached) for the package program. One of the names submitted is that of a present "Communist activist" who is well known by AERADY-2. He stated that the individual is a childhood friend of his who assumed the "good communist" role as a necessity to maintaining better employment. AERADY-2 feels this individual would be a real asset in time of need because he may be in a position of some authority. He feels that if the package program is to be risked at all, individuals should be sought for who would be in a position to really do something in time of need. He said there were many problems of addressee-addressor relationship which need to be ironed out in his own mind before the program can be started. The undersigned told him she was glad he had given so much consideration to the various aspects involved and told him there was no rush to get the program started, that he should take all the time necessary to plan for potential addressees and careful consideration should be given to contemplated addressees before submitting the list for approval.

The Soviets recently have increased the cost of mailing packages to the USA by about 100 percent. AERADY-2 feels it would cost about \$150.00 now to make up a package of any significance. It was his opinion that by increasing the cost of mailing, the Soviets could slow down the flow of packages without decreasing the revenue obtained from the mailing agencies. He said the Soviets are obtaining huge sums of American dollars from the agencies and they do not wish to stop the flow of revenue. At the same time the Americans have profited propaganda-wise. Soviet propaganda teaches that the Americans are suffering from wide-spread unemployment, the poor working class being hard hit, yet there is no way to explain the ability of the poor unemployed to send such great quantities of food and clothing which the more fortunate Soviet citizens do not even see in their own stores.

9. AERADY-2 submitted names of one biographical information on 3 hot war training candidates for consideration and contact (list attached). Two of the candidates are living in Brooklyn and 1 in Manhattan. AERADY-2 stated he will obtain additional information on the candidates.

10. AERADY-2 showed a copy of a letter to the undersigned which was addressed to the Russian American NEWS SERVICE, 113 East 4th Street (AERADY-2 stated this was a fictitious address). There was no signature on

